

Claims

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the present application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of reducing an amount of carbon monoxide in process fuel gas in a water gas shift converter, comprising:

placing a high activity water gas shift catalyst system into a water gas shift converter, the high activity water gas shift catalyst system comprising a noble metal; a mixed metal oxide support consisting essentially of cerium oxide and zirconium oxide, wherein cerium oxide is present in an amount from about 58% to about 80% by weight of mixed metal oxide and zirconium oxide is present in amount from about 42% to about 20% by weight of mixed metal oxide, and optionally a support dopant; and about 0.1% and about 0.5% by weight of total catalyst of a promoter comprising yttrium, alkali metals, or alkaline earth metals, or combinations thereof; and

passing the process fuel gas through the water gas shift converter in effective contact with the high activity water gas shift catalyst system and converting ~~a portion~~ at least 50% of the carbon monoxide in the process fuel gas into carbon dioxide and hydrogen by a water gas shift reaction over a temperature range of about 300°C to about 450°C.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the noble metal is selected from platinum, palladium, mixtures of platinum and palladium, or mixtures of platinum and iridium.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the noble metal is present in an amount of between about 1% to about 4% by weight of total catalyst.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the promoter is selected from cesium, lithium, rubidium, potassium, magnesium, strontium, barium, calcium, yttrium, or combinations thereof.

5-6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6 1 wherein the support dopant is selected from lanthanum, praseodymium, neodymium, or combinations thereof.
8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6 1 wherein the support dopant is in the form of a metal oxide.
9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6 1 wherein the support dopant is present in an amount of between about 1 and about 5% by weight of mixed metal oxide.
10. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein passing the process fuel gas through the water gas shift converter is performed at a temperature in the range of about 200°C to about 400°C.
11. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein passing the process fuel gas through the water gas shift converter is performed at a temperature in the range of about 250°C to about 375°C.
12. (Currently Amended) A method of reducing an amount of carbon monoxide in process fuel gas in a water gas shift converter, comprising:
placing a high activity water gas shift catalyst system into a water gas shift converter, the high activity water gas shift catalyst system comprising a noble metal; ~~and~~ a mixed metal oxide support of cerium oxide and zirconium oxide, wherein cerium oxide is present in an amount from about 20% to less than 58% by weight of mixed metal oxide and zirconium oxide is present in amount from more than 42% to about 80% by weight of mixed metal oxide; and about 0.1% and about 0.5% by weight of total catalyst of a promoter comprising at least one metal selected from yttrium, alkali metals, or alkaline earth metals; and
passing the process fuel gas through the water gas shift converter in effective contact with the high activity water gas shift catalyst system and converting ~~a portion~~ at least 50% of the carbon monoxide in the process fuel gas into carbon dioxide and hydrogen by a water gas shift reaction over a temperature range of about 300°C to about 450°C.
13. (Original) The method of claim 12 wherein the noble metal is selected from platinum, palladium, mixtures of platinum and palladium, or mixtures of platinum and iridium.

14. (Original) The method of claim 12 wherein the noble metal is present in an amount of between about 1% to about 4% by weight of total catalyst.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~15~~ 12 wherein the promoter is selected from yttrium, cesium, lithium, rubidium, potassium, magnesium, strontium, barium, calcium, or combinations thereof.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Original) The method of claim 12 wherein the mixed metal oxide support further comprises a support dopant.

19. (Original) The method of claim 18 wherein the support dopant is selected from lanthanum, praseodymium, neodymium, or combinations thereof.

20. (Original) The method of claim 18 wherein the support dopant is in the form of a metal oxide.

21. (Original) The method of claim 18 wherein the support dopant is present in an amount of between about 1 and about 5% by weight of mixed metal oxide.

22. (Original) The method of claim 12 wherein passing the process fuel gas through the water gas shift converter is performed at a temperature in the range of about 200°C to about 400°C.

23. (Original) The method of claim 12 wherein passing the process fuel gas through the water gas shift converter is performed at a temperature in the range of about 250°C to about 375°C.

24. (Currently Amended) A method of reducing an amount of carbon monoxide in process fuel gas in a water gas shift converter, comprising:

placing a high activity water gas shift catalyst system into a water gas shift converter, the high activity water gas shift catalyst system comprising a noble metal; a mixed metal oxide support consisting essentially of cerium oxide and lanthanum oxide_s, and optionally a support dopant; and about 0.1% and about 0.5% by weight of total catalyst of a promoter comprising at least one metal selected from yttrium, alkali metals, or alkaline earth metals; and

passing the process fuel gas through the water gas shift converter in effective contact with the high activity water gas shift catalyst system and converting ~~a portion~~ at least 40% of the carbon monoxide in the process fuel gas into carbon dioxide and hydrogen by a water gas shift reaction over a temperature range of about 400°C to about 575°C.

25. (Original) The method of claim 24 wherein the noble metal is selected from platinum, palladium, mixtures of platinum and palladium, or mixtures of platinum and iridium.

26. (Original) The method of claim 24 wherein the noble metal is present in an amount of between about 1% to about 4% by weight of total catalyst.

27. (Original) The method of claim 24 wherein cerium oxide is present in an amount from about 92% to about 20% by weight of mixed metal oxide and lanthanum oxide is present in amount from about 8% to about 80% by weight of mixed metal oxide.

28. (Canceled)

29. (Original) The method of claim 28 wherein the promoter is selected from yttrium, cesium, lithium, rubidium, potassium, magnesium, strontium, barium, calcium, or combinations thereof.

30. (Canceled)

31. (Original) The method of claim 24 wherein the support dopant is selected from praseodymium, neodymium, or combinations thereof.

32. (Original) The method of claim 24 wherein the support dopant is in the form of a metal oxide.

33. (Original) The method of claim 31 wherein the support dopant is present in an amount of between about 1 and about 5% by weight of mixed metal oxide.

34. (Original) The method of claim 24 wherein passing the process fuel gas through the water gas shift converter is performed at a temperature in the range of about 200°C to about 425°C.

35. (Original) The method of claim 24 wherein passing the process fuel gas through the water gas shift converter is performed at a temperature in the range of about 275°C to about 400°C.

36. (Currently Amended) A high activity water gas shift catalyst system, comprising:
a noble metal;
a mixed metal oxide support consisting essentially of cerium oxide and zirconium oxide, wherein the cerium oxide is present in an amount from about 58% to about 80% by weight of mixed metal oxide and the zirconium oxide is present in amount from about 42% to about 20% by weight of mixed metal oxide, and optionally a support dopant; and
about 0.1% to about 0.5% by weight of total catalyst of a promoter comprising yttrium, alkali metals, or alkaline earth metals, or combinations thereof
the high activity water gas shift catalyst system having a conversion rate of at least 50% for carbon monoxide into carbon dioxide and hydrogen for a water gas shift reaction over a temperature range of about 300°C to about 450°C.

37. (Original) The high activity water gas shift catalyst system of claim 36 wherein the noble metal is selected from platinum, palladium, mixtures of platinum and palladium, or mixtures of platinum and iridium.

38. (Original) The high activity water gas shift catalyst system of claim 36 wherein the noble metal is present in an amount of between about 1% to about 4% by weight of total catalyst.

39. (Cancel)

40. (Currently Amended) The high activity water gas shift catalyst system of claim ~~39~~ 36 wherein the support dopant is selected from lanthanum, praseodymium, neodymium, or combinations thereof.

41. (Currently Amended) The high activity water gas shift catalyst system of claim ~~39~~ 36 wherein the support dopant is present in an amount of between about 1 and about 5% by weight of mixed metal oxide.

42. (Original) The high activity water gas shift catalyst system of claim 36 wherein the promoter is selected from yttrium, cesium, lithium, rubidium, potassium, magnesium, strontium, barium, calcium, or combinations thereof.

43. (Cancel)

44. (Currently Amended) A high activity water gas shift catalyst system comprising:
a noble metal; and
a mixed metal oxide support consisting essentially of cerium oxide and zirconium oxide, wherein cerium oxide is present in an amount from about 20% to less than 58% by weight of mixed metal oxide and zirconium oxide is present in amount from more than 42% to about 80% by weight of mixed metal oxide, and optionally a support dopant;
about 0.1% to about 0.5% by weight of total catalyst of a promoter comprising at least one metal selected from yttrium, alkali metals, and alkaline earth metals,
the high activity water gas shift catalyst system having a conversion rate of at least 50% of the carbon monoxide into carbon dioxide and hydrogen for a water gas shift reaction over a temperature range of about 300°C to about 450°C.

45. (Original) The high activity water gas shift catalyst system of claim 44 wherein the noble metal is selected from platinum, palladium, mixtures of platinum and palladium, or mixtures of platinum and iridium.

46. (Original) The high activity water gas shift catalyst system of claim 44 wherein the noble metal is present in an amount of between about 1% to about 4% by weight of total catalyst.

47. (Canceled)

48. (Currently Amended) The high activity water gas shift catalyst system of claim 47 44 wherein the support dopant is selected from lanthanum, praseodymium, neodymium, or combinations thereof.

49. (Currently Amended) The high activity water gas shift catalyst system of claim 47 44 wherein the support dopant is present in an amount of between about 1 and about 5% by weight of mixed metal oxide.

50. (Canceled)

51. (Currently Amended) The high activity water gas shift catalyst system of claim ~~50~~ 44 wherein the promoter is selected from yttrium, cesium, lithium, rubidium, potassium, magnesium, strontium, barium, calcium, or combinations thereof.

52. (Canceled)

53. (Currently Amended) A high activity water gas shift catalyst system comprising:
a noble metal; ~~and~~
a mixed metal oxide support consisting essentially of cerium oxide and lanthanum oxide;
wherein cerium oxide is present in an amount from about 20% to less than 92% by weight of mixed metal oxide and lanthanum oxide is present in amount from about 80% to more than 8% by weight of mixed metal oxide, and optionally a support dopant; and

about 0.1% and about 0.5% by weight of total catalyst of a promoter comprising at least one metal selected from yttrium, alkali metals, and alkaline earth metals,

the high activity water gas shift catalyst system having a conversion rate of at least 40% for carbon monoxide to carbon dioxide and hydrogen in a water gas shift reaction over a temperature range of about 400°C to about 575°C.

54. (Canceled)

55. (Original) The high activity water gas shift catalyst system of claim 53 wherein the noble metal is selected from platinum, palladium, mixtures of platinum and palladium, or mixtures of platinum and iridium.

56. (Original) The high activity water gas shift catalyst system of claim 53 wherein the noble metal is present in an amount of between about 1% to about 4% by weight of total catalyst.

57. (Original) The high activity water gas shift catalyst system of claim 53 wherein the support dopant is selected from praseodymium, neodymium, or combinations thereof.

58. (Original) The high activity water gas shift catalyst system of claim 53 wherein the support dopant is present in an amount of between about 1 and about 5% by weight of mixed metal oxide.

59. (Canceled)

60. (Currently Amended) The high activity water gas shift catalyst system of claim ~~59~~ 53 wherein the promoter is selected from yttrium, cesium, lithium, rubidium, potassium, magnesium, strontium, barium, calcium, or combinations thereof.

61. (Canceled)